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MEXICO CITY ENGLISH DAILY, RELIABILITY UNKNOWN

SUMMARY: (CONFIDENTIAL) AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME (MEXICO CITY) YESTERDAY (850409) THE MEXICAN ARMY WAS PLACED ON A HIGHER STATE OF READINESS. REPORTED THREATS TO THE SAFETY OF MEXICAN AND U.S. PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY SUPPORTERS OF JAILED DRUG KINGPIN, RAFAEL ((CARO)) QUINTERO, WAS
CITED AS THE REASON FOR THE ALERT CONDITION.

1. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA (ESG) WERE PLACE ON ALERT STATUS AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME AS THE RESULT OF INCREASED ARMY READINESS. ALTHOUGH ESG PERSONNEL WERE NOT MOBILIZED OPERATIONALLY THEY WERE, NEVERTHELESS, DIRECTED TO REMAIN IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. AT 2100 HOURS THE ESG PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. HOWEVER, THE INCREASED READINESS POSTURE CONTINUED FOR REGULAR ARMY PERSONNEL.

2. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) CONVERSATION BY STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT ESG POINTED TO THE RECENT INCARCERATION OF CARO QUINTERO AND RUMOURS OF POSSIBLE RETALIATION AGAINST MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND U.S. PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN MEXICO BY SUPPORTERS OF THE DRUG BOSS.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, A 150 MAN ARMY TEAM WAS MOBILIZED EARLY TUESDAY (8/5/409) TO PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO TO SUPPORT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN THE ARREST OF ANOTHER DRUG KINGPIN, ERNESTO (FONSECA) CARRILLO. ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, THE ARMY TEAM WAS INVOLVED IN A "SHOOTOUT" WITH FONSECA AND HIS MEN. NO REPORT WAS GIVEN ON CASUALTIES. FONSECA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED AND IS NOW IN THE CUSTODY OF MEXICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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(b)(3) 10 USC 424
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